

Texas Vegetable, Fruit and Pecan Summary

Vegetables

Texas continued to be one of the five leading states in production of fresh market vegetables. In 2004, Texas ranked fifth in production, with 3.7 percent of the U.S. total, and fifth in value, accounting for 3.5 percent of the U.S. total. In 2004, Texas producers harvested 93,500 acres of commercial vegetables, down 9 percent from the year before. The value of production from this acreage and products totaled \$366 million, down 22 percent from 2003. Total production of all vegetable crops decreased 9 percent from 2003. Onions were the number one cash vegetable crop for Texas, watermelon was second followed by cabbage.

Citrus

Texas grapefruit production for the 2004-2005 season totaled 6.6 million boxes, up 15.7 percent from last season. The 2004-2005 all orange production totaled 1.77 million boxes, up 7 percent from last season. Moisture supplies were adequate to almost surplus last fall as the fruit developed which insured a high quality and excellent fruit size. The better market conditions encouraged growers to pick more fruit for processing that may have been unpicked in previous years when economic conditions were not as favorable.

Pecans

The 2004 Texas pecan crop was estimated at 40 million pounds, down 30 million pounds from the 2003 crop. Prices increased from the previous year, averaging 167.0 cents per pound. The 2004 year was a cyclical lighter production year and many producers were hit

hard with scab, flood and other weather even to that lowered the number of pecans harvested. Production of native varieties totaled 12 million pounds, down 21 million from the 33 million pounds produced in 2003. Production of improved varieties totaled 28 million pounds, down from 37 million pounds in 2003.

Peaches

Texas utilized peach production for 2004 was estimated at 9,900 tons, up from 3,350 tons in 2003. The 2004 peach crop was hit with a late freeze causing the poorest crop producers have seen in at least 5 years. Utilized production is the total of peach sales for fresh market and processing, as well as peaches consumed on the farm. Total production for Texas peaches in 2004 was 12,200 tons.

Grapes

Texas utilized 8,500 tons of grapes for wine production. Production increased 46.5 percent from the 5,800 tons produced in 2003. An estimated 2,900 bearing acres were available for harvest. Yield averaged 3.0 tons per acre, up from 2.1 tons from the previous season. The total estimated value of the 2004 crop was \$7.8 million with an average value per ton of \$919. Texas vineyards were forced to dodge heavy rain during the last couple of months of the growing season and into harvest and crush. Large vineyards in the South Plains area were able to avoid damage from these storms for the most part. There was not as much hail this year unlike previous years. Smaller vineyards, especially in the Hill Country, suffered from root rot and other fungi problems due to the excess rain.

STATE RANKING BY PRODUCTION FOR SELECTED VEGETABLE CROPS, 2004

Rank	State	Production	Rank	State	Production	Rank	State	Production
HONEYDEW MELONS - 1,000 cwt			CABBAGE - 1,000 cwt			CANTALOUPEs - 1,000 cwt		
1	California	3,938	1	California	5,576	1	California	12,750
2	Arizona	813	2	New York	3,710	2	Arizona	4,248
3	TEXAS	338	3	TEXAS	3,237	3	TEXAS	1,200
			4	Florida	2,812	4	Georgia	990
			5	Georgia	2,500	5	Indiana	500
SPINACH - 1,000 cwt			WATERMELONS - 1,000 cwt			CHILE PEPPERS - 1,000 cwt		
1	California	4,760	1	Florida	8,000	1	New Mexico	2,918
2	Arizona	1,050	2	California	6,885	2	California	1,310
3	TEXAS	250	3	TEXAS	6,050	3	Arizona	360
4	New Jersey	171	4	Georgia	3,795	4	TEXAS	165
			5	Arizona	2,944			
CARROTS - 1,000 cwt			ONIONS, ALL - 1,000 cwt			SWEETPOTATOES - 1,000 cwt		
1	California	19,950	1	Oregon	12,610	1	North Carolina	6,880
2	Michigan	1,302	2	Washington	12,056	2	California	3,393
3	Colorado	1,071	3	California	8,290	3	Mississippi	2,601
4	TEXAS	704	4	Idaho	8,008	4	Louisiana	2,325
5	Arizona	680	5	TEXAS	4,911	5	TEXAS	462
PEPPERS, BELL - 1,000 cwt			CUCUMBERS - 1,000 cwt			POTATOES, ALL - 1,000 cwt		
1	California	8,003	1	Florida	2,515	1	Idaho	131,970
2	Florida	5,673	2	Georgia	1,960	2	Washington	93,810
3	New Jersey	928	3	Michigan	1,295	3	Wisconsin	30,450
4	Georgia	663	4	New York	874	4	North Dakota	26,765
5	Michigan	522	5	New Jersey	682	5	Colorado	25,484
8	TEXAS	80	8	TEXAS	525	13	TEXAS	6,429
TOMATOES - 1,000 cwt						SWEET CORN - 1,000 cwt		
1	Florida	15,120				1	Florida	5,999
2	California	10,730				2	California	5,880
3	Virginia	2,090				3	Georgia	3,646
4	Tennessee	1,240				4	New York	2,800
5	Ohio	1,106				5	Colorado	1,395
17	TEXAS	116				21	TEXAS	152